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PLASMA DISPLAY PANEL

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# **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits of the above-identified application, please enter the following amendments:

### **IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the Claim 8 as follows:

- 1 8. (Amended) An image display apparatus, comprising:
- a plasma display panel manufactured by the method of Claim 1; and
- a driving circuit for driving the plasma display panel.

Please add the newly drafted Claims 9 - 14.

1		9.	(New) An image display apparatus, comprising:
2			a plasma display panel manufactured by the method of Claim 2; and
3			a driving circuit for driving the plasma display panel.
1		10.	(New) An image display apparatus, comprising:
2			a plasma display panel manufactured by the method of Claim 3; and
3			a driving circuit for driving the plasma display panel.
1		11.	(New) An image display apparatus, comprising:
2	:		a plasma display panel manufactured by the method of Claim 4; and
3 3 3 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2			a driving circuit for driving the plasma display panel.
1		12.	(New) An image display apparatus, comprising:
<u>.</u> 2			a plasma display panel manufactured by the method of Claim 5; and
	<b>;</b>		a driving circuit for driving the plasma display panel.
1		13.	(New) An image display apparatus, comprising:
2	2		a plasma display panel manufactured by the method of Claim 6; and
3	3		a driving circuit for driving the plasma display panel.
1		14.	(New) An image display apparatus, comprising:
2	2		a plasma display panel manufactured by the method of Claim 7; and
3	<b> </b>		a driving circuit for driving the plasma display panel

# **REMARKS**

The amendments to the Claim 8 is to remove multiple dependencies. Newly drafted Claims 9-14 are within the scope of the original invention and do not add any new subject matter.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview will help further the prosecution of this case, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the listed telephone number.

Very truly yours,

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# **VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

Claim 8 has been amended as follows:

- 8. (Amended) An image display apparatus, comprising:
- a plasma display panel manufactured by [one of the methods of Claims 1 to 7;]
- 3 the method of Claim 1; and
- a driving circuit for driving the plasma display panel.

New Claims 9 - 14 have been added.